

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 18 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0987-0-01 (ACCNO 0020) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: SKARMAN, ORVAL HARRY Date Status assigned: 15 Jan 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O #
Grade	E3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No		Height	74 in / 1.88 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	11 Mar 1947	Weight	175 lb / 79.3 kg	Duty pos	LEAVE STA
Home State	MINNESOTA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE  
UTM: 48QYD100600  
Lat/Long: 164854N / 1065815E  
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 1  
Mission Province: QUANG TRI  
(formerly):  
Mission District: DONG HA TOWN  
Mission Date: 15 Jan 1968 1201L  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 93  
Investigations: Aug 93  
Surveys: Aug 93  
Vessey Case: NO  
Case type: GROUND SITE - UNKNOWN LOSS

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: GRND	Serial: \$
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: \$
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial: \$
Year: \$	2 Serial: \$

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

14 August 1975

ON 15 JANUARY 1968 LCPL ORVAL H. SKARMAN WAS REPORTED AS HAVING FAILED TO RETURN TO HIS UNIT FOR DUTY. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT ON OR ABOUT 8 JANUARY 1968 HE DEPARTED HIS UNIT, IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) YD 100 600, ON AN AUTHORIZED REST AND RECUPERATION LEAVE AT A FACILITY IN THE DA NANG, SOUTH VIETNAM AREA KNOWN AS "CHINA BEACH". IT IS NOT KNOWN IF HE REACHED "CHINA BEACH" AS NO RECORD OF HIM USING ANY OF THE FACILITIES WAS MADE. IT WAS THOUGHT THAT LCPL SKARMAN MAY HAVE BEEN ONBOARD A USMC CH53 THAT CRASHED ON 8 JANUARY ON A FLIGHT FROM PHU BAI TO DONG HA.

THERE WERE 46 PEOPLE ONBOARD THE AIRCRAFT AND ALL WERE ACCOUNTED FOR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE UNKNOWN MARINE WHO WAS REPORTED ON THE AIRCRAFT BUT NOT ON THE MANIFEST. LCPL SKARMAN HAD SERVED IN THE SAME SQUADRON AS THE CREW MEMBERS OF THE HELICOPTER AND IT WAS THOUGHT THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO 'HITCH A RIDE'. (REF 1)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS IN THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. LCPL SKARMAN IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

14 August 1975

REFERENCE USED: <1> RPT, HQ 3D BN 3D MAR DIV, 28 JUL 68. <2> 240457Z SEP 93 CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

6 October 1993

ON 7 SEP 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 0987 IN CAM TUYEN VILLAGE, CAM LO DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. DURING THEIR PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE IN CAM LO DISTRICT, VNOSMP OFFICIALS WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY WITNESSES. THE JOINT TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION AND QUESTIONED

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LOCAL VILLAGERS BUT DID NOT RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION OR EVIDENCE RELATED TO  
CASE 0987. (REF 2)

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===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0991-0-01 (ACCNO 6157)                      Status: (A) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: COOLEY, ORVILLE DALE                      Date Status assigned: 18 Jul 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	# #
Grade	03	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN		Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	3 Jul 1937	Weight	184 lb / 83.4 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	WYOMING	Religion	#	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: WATER SITE  
UTM: 48QYF338596  
Lat/Long: 183657N / 1071258E  
Country: OVER WATER - VN  
Military Region: \$  
Mission Province: VN - OVERWATER  
(formerly):  
Mission District: VN - OVERWATER  
Mission Date: 16 Jan 1968  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: None.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

No Information Available

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type:	C1A	Serial:	146054
Crash Type:	Enemy action	Engine Type:	R1820
Call Sign:	PAWTUCKET	1 Serial:	#
Year:	\$	2 Serial:	#

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